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SUBJ: CODEL SOLARZ

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1. PRIOR TO CODEL'S JULY 3 ARRIVAL IN SOUTH AFRICA, EMBASSY HAD CAUTIONED THAT HOLIDAY PERIOD FOLLOWING CLOSE OF PARLIAMENT MADE OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. CODEL NEVERTHELESS REQUESTED AND EMBASSY TRIED TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH: PRESIDENT DIEDERICKS; PRIME MINISTER VORSTER; DEF MIN BOTHA; MIN FOR AFF MULLER AND SECY FOR AFF FOURIE; GENERAL HEINRICH VAN DEN BERGH, BUREAU OF STATE SECURITY; DEFENCE FORCE SENIOR OFFICERS GENERAL WEBSTER; ADMIRAL H. H. BIERMANN; GENERAL MAGNUS MALAN; ZULU CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI; WRITER ALAN PATON; RABBI LIPSKER; TRANSKEI CHIEF MINISTER KAISER MANTANZIMA; DAVID MANN, PRESIDENT OF JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES; ISRAELI AMBASSADOR UNNA; KWAZULU REP GIBSON THULA; MR. AND MRS. DAVID DALLAS, BEYERS NAUDE (CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE); PROGRESSIVE REFORM PARTY MEMBERS HELEN SUZMAN, ZACH DE BEER, COLIN EGLIN AND
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HARRY SCHWARTZ; ATTORNEYS DAVID SOGGOT AND SHUN CHETTY;

COLORED LEADER SONNY LEON; REV. MAURICE NGAKANE AND SALLY MOTLANA, SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES; MICHAEL KAUFMAN (NYT) AND MANAS BUTHELEZI. CODEL REQUEST TO VISIT SOWETO WAS REFUSED BY WEST RAND ADMINISTRATION WHICH SAID NORMAL TOURS NOT YET RESUMED.

2. CODEL WAS MET AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL JULY 3 AND OVER DINNER AT RESIDENCE RECEIVED BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC OFFICERS LATER THAT EVENING. DURING BRIEFING REP. SOLARZ NOTED THAT SINCE SCHEDULE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE IN ALL PLACES HE WISHED TO VISIT, HE WOULD LIKE TO SEND PERSONAL FRIEND DR. BRECHNER AS HIS REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET WITH TRANSKEI OFFICIALS. AT SOLARZ REQUEST, EMBASSY AND CON GEN DURBAN ARRANGED SUCH A TRIP FOR BRECHNER JULY 6 AND 7. CODEL PAID FOR TICKET.

3. REP. SOLARZ ALSO ASKED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ASCERTAINING WHAT ARRANGEMENTS RHODESIANS HAD MADE FOR THAT SEGMENT OF HIS TRIP, SAYING THAT HIS OFFICE HAD NOTIFIED RHODESIAN OFFICE IN US OF HIS VISIT BUT HAD NOT DISCUSSED SPECIFICS. EMB OFF LIMITED HIS ACTION TO INFORMING LOCAL RHODESIAN REPRESENTATION OF SOLARZ TRAVEL PLANS AND WISHES. RHODESIAN REPRESENTATIVE CONFINED HIS COMMENT TO NOTING THAT SOLARZ WOULD BE MET BY RHODESIAN OFFICIALS AND THAT APPROPRIATE HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAD BEEN MADE.

4. CODEL FLEW TO CAPE TOWN JULY 4 AND MET WITH MS. REINECKE, MEMBER CAPE TOWN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL; MR. SCHOLTZ, ASSISTANT EDITOR, DIE BURGER; MR. ANTHONY HEARD, EDITOR, THE CAPE TIMES; MR. FRANKLIN SONN, PROMINENT COLORED LEADER AND HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL; MR. DAVID CURRY, COLORED POLITICIAN AND DEPUTY LEADER LABOR PARTY; MS. MOIRE HENDERSON, SOCIAL WORKER, ATHLONE ADVICE OFFICE; REV. AND MRS. THEO KOTZE, REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE. CODEL ALSO TOURED ATHLONE (COLORED) AND GUGULETU (AFRICAN) DISTRICTS. RETURNED TO PRETORIA LATE NIGHT JULY 4.

5. CODEL HAD JULY 5 MORNING APPOINTMENTS WITH UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AMB. JOHAN BOTHA; DR. E. M. RHOODIE AND L.E.S. DE VILLIERS OF INFORMATION DEPARTMENT; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND ISRAELI AMBASSADOR ITZHAK D. UNNA. LUNCHEON AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE INCLUDED MR. PIERRE HUGO, DEPT. OF AFRICAN ADMINISTRATION, UNIVERSITY OF S.A. (UNISA); MR. WILLIE BREYTENBACH, AFRICA INSTITUTE OF SOUTH AFRICA; PROF. S. A. STRAUSS, LAW FACULTY, UNISA; MR. OSCAR MOTSEPE, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS LEADERSHIP, UNISA; MR. SHUN CHETTY, ATTORNEY. CODEL MET WITH ARTHUR SUZMAN OF JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES IN JOHANNESBURG DURING AFTER-

NOON JULY 5. WITH SOME DIFFICULTY DUE TO TENSIONS FOLLOWING SOWETO RIOTS, EMB HAD ARRANGED FOR KEN RACHIDI, PRESIDENT OF BLACK PEOPLES CONVENTION, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF BPC STAFF TO MEET WITH CODEL. AFTER BPC GROUP HAD WAITED 90 MINUTES IN USIS READING ROOM, THEY FINALLY LEFT WHEN CODEL FAILED TO APPEAR. CODEL OFFERED NO APOLOGY BUT ASKED THAT BPC BE REQUESTED TO APPEAR AGAIN LATER, WHICH WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE. DINNER GUESTS AT CON GEN JOHANNESBURG RESIDENCE WERE MRS. JULES BROWDE, PROGRESSIVE REFORM PARTY; MR. DAN MAZIBUKO, BPC; MR. PETER NIXON, PROGRESSIVE REFORM PARTY; MR. GIBSON THULA, KWA-ZULU REPRESENTATIVE IN TRANSVAAL. FOLLOWING DAY REP. SOLARZ WENT TO MOZAMBIQUE WHILE DR. BRECHNER PROCEEDED TO TRANSKEI.

6. CODEL MISSED SCHEDULED RETURN FLIGHT FROM MAPUTO JULY 7 AND THUS MISSED EVENING APPOINTMENTS WITH MR. KOBOZA, EDITOR OF WORLD AND JOHN BURNS, NYT. BURNS MET CODEL MORNING JULY 8. MORNING APPOINTMENT WITH GENERAL VAN DEVENTER IN PRETORIA WAS CANCELLED. CODEL LEFT FOR RHODESIA LATER JULY 8.

7. FOLLOWING SCHEDULED ARRIVAL FROM SALISBURY JULY 9, CODEL MET WITH MR. MAKAHYA OF URBAN BANTU COUNCIL AND JOHN BARRATE OF INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. APPOINTMENT WITH RABBI LIPSKER, REQUESTED BY CODEL, WAS CANCELLED AT LAST MINUTE. CODEL INSISTED THAT CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE GIFT SHOP BE OPENED FOR VISIT EARLY IN MORNING BUT MADE NO PURCHASES. CODEL MET AGAIN WITH BARRATT LATER MORNING JULY 10 BEFORE DEPARTING.

8. CON GEN JOHANNESBURG SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM LOCAL JEWELER INQUIRING ABOUT DR. BRECHNER.
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BRECHNER REPORTEDLY HAD IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO JEWELRY FIRM AS REPRESENTATIVE OF OR CONNECTED WITH US EMBASSY, AND HAD DISCUSSED POSSIBLE EXPORT OF SIZEABLE QUANTITY OF PRECIOUS STONES TO US. JEWELER WAS INFORMED THAT BRECHNER IS PRIVATE CITIZEN TRAVELING AS PERSONAL FRIEND OF CODEL WITHOUT OFFICIAL STATUS.
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